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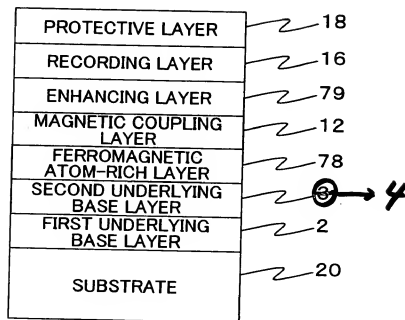


Fig. 13

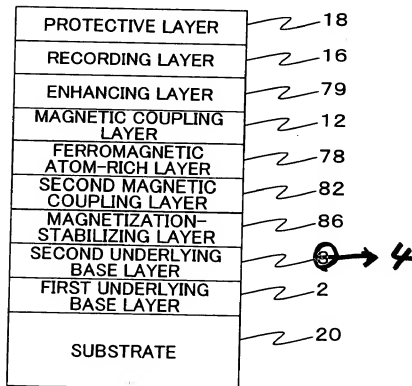




Fig. 18

PROTECTIVE LAYER
MAGNETIC RECORDING LAYER
MAGNETIC COUPLING LAYER (R_u)
MAGNETIZATION-STABILIZING LAYER
UNDERLYING BASE LAYER
SUBSTRATE